

Station 2

Explore and Elaborate

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Activity 1: LOUDER!!

Questions:

- What factors affect the pitch of a vibrating object?
- What factors affect the volume of a vibrating object?

You will use **ONLY** rubber bands to do this investigation

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| Task One: | List all of the variables that you can control with regard to the rubber bands. |
| Task Two: | Develop a testable hypothesis for each of the questions above. |
| Task Three: | Develop a plan for testing your hypothesis for each question. |
| Task Four: | Test your hypothesis, make observations, record data and conclusions. |

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Activity 2: Bottle Band

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- How does different levels of water in the bottle affect the pitch of the sound?
- Are there ways to make different pitches with the same bottle?

Task One: Obtain three empty bottles. Add a different amount of water to each bottle. Investigate the pitch of the sound that results when you tap the side of the bottle with the butter knife.

Task Two: Use at least 5 bottle with 5 different amounts of water to create a musical instrument. Try to produce a familiar tune with the bottle. Write down directions for other students to play your tune.

Task Three: Investigate other ways to make a sound with the bottles that do not involve hitting it with the butter knife. Is the pitch the same? Explain in your journal why or why not.